



As we go to press, a whole lot of things are going on in the “sleepy” Town of Burkittsville. One of the most obvious is the drain repair on East Main Street, and the complex history uncovered during excavation. Not only is East Main Street shut down, some interesting facts have been brought up. Thanks to the South Mountain Heritage Society V.P. and Historian, Jody Brumage, we have a more complete understanding of our town’s industrious past and resourceful spirit.

DATES TO WATCH Events & Notices

PLANNING & ZONING P&Z will not be meeting in September.

Regular meetings will resume on first Mondays of the month on October 5th, 7:30 p.m. at the South Mountain Heritage Society, 3 East Main Street.

SMHS MUSEUM OPEN

Saturday, September 5th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 3 East Main Street. Come see the exhibits and learn more about our town’s history!

TOWN MEETING

September 14th, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., second Monday of the month. To have a topic placed on record with the town, make sure to email TownOffice@burkittsville.md.gov or write to Town Office, P.O. Box 485

ADOPT A ROAD PROMISE

September 19th or 20th, pick a time or ask to be matched with a group. Come join your neighbors in keeping the promise to keep Gapland Rd. clean. Contact Lisa Orr: 301-834-7898 or email edekerorr@comcast.net for more information.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, October 10th, 9 a.m. until noon, at the Locust Valley First Church of God, 1236 Mountain Church Rd. Non-perishable food and gently-used clothing is gratefully accepted. Your donations are distributed to area clothes closets and to the Middletown food bank. More info www.locustvalleycog.org

Burkittsville’s Impressive, Yet Short-Lived Water Company

The pressure was so strong that water could “be thrown over the highest church steeple in the town.”

By Jody Brumage

During excavations on Burkittsville’s East Main Street in the summer of 2015, reminders of the past were unearthed as workers removed large segments of corroded and rotting wooden pipe from the ground and piled them along the street side. These pieces of pipe once provided the Town of Burkittsville with public water, an idea foreign to most town residents today who rely on wells for water. Delving into the history of this chapter in Burkittsville’s story has led to interesting discoveries as well.

The idea of a public water system for Burkittsville arose not out of calls for convenience or modernity, but as a result of a dire warning from the Maryland State Board of Health in 1912. In the year prior, a deadly outbreak of typhoid swept over the area, credited by state officials to the lack of a pure water source for the town’s residents. The State Board of Health warned the town leaders of Burkittsville that unless pure water could be supplied, an even worse outbreak could be possible.

In response, town citizens organized a company for the purpose of providing a clean, steady water source for Burkittsville. The Burkittsville Water Company was chartered on May 14, 1913 with Harry P. Shafer, Frank G. House, Charles T. Meyer, Cecil D. Hightman, John R. Roelke, Charles J. House, John T. Horine, Martin L. Horine, and William Scott Kefauver serving as the Board of Incorporators. At the time of its chartering, the company was valued at \$10,000.00 with 1,000 shares of capital stock being made available at \$10.00 per share. (continued pg. 2)

Accubid, Hard at Work On East Main Street’s Drainage Repair



Photos: top 2, A. Cox, 3rd, D. Burgoyne

DATES TO WATCH

SMHS ANNUAL GIGANTIC USED-BOOK SALE

Every Saturday in October, SMHS will be open for the annual Gigantic Used-Book Sale. Thousands of books will be available of all genres and for all ages. SMHS members receive a 10% discount on their purchases and all children receive one free book. On the last weekend of the sale (Sat. October 31st) we will offer "Books by the Bag" for \$6.00. The sale runs on Saturdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

P&Z MEETING

Monday, October 5th, 7:30 p.m. at the South Mountain Heritage Society Building, 3 E. Main St., residents are encouraged to attend Planning & Zoning meetings: planning our town's future today.

DLC FALL EXPLORER'S WEEKEND

Sat. & Sun., October 10th & 11th
Guided orchard tours, bee keeping, cider/food pairing classes & free tasting of all apple types that are ripe, last year there were 32! See www.distillerylaneciderworks.com

OCTOBER TOWN MEETING

Monday, October 12th, 7:30-8:30 pm the Town Meeting will be held at the Burkittsville Ruritan, 500 E. Main Street.

CASH & BASKET BINGO

On Friday, Oct. 23RD St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burkittsville will hold a Basket and Money BINGO at the Jefferson Ruritan. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. & games begin at 7 p.m. (More details inside.)

SPOOK HILL CIDER & WINE 4 MILE RUN

The third annual Spook Hill Cider and Wine 4 Mile Run will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2015, 8:30 am, starting on the Burkittsville Ruritan Grounds. See more in the article!

TRICK OR TREAT & PARTY

Trick-or-treat will be held on Sat., October 31st, from 5-7 p.m. Leave your porch light on to welcome our costumed kids! There will be a party at 7 p.m. for the younger set, (1-12 yrs) at the Burkittsville Ruritan Club, 500 E. Main Street



Excavated Pipes Before and After Cleaning- by Jody Brumage

(Water Company continued)

The water system began with two springs atop South Mountain, which fed into two separate reservoirs. The larger had a capacity of 35,000 gallons and the smaller could hold 6,000 gallons. Construction of the system progressed rapidly. Though the state had recommended the use of iron pipes, the water company opted for wooden pipes, bound with wrought iron straps as a more cost effective solution. Two miles of pipe were laid to connect the reservoirs to the town and then to carry water into each individual house. The Frederick Daily News reported on September 19, 1913 that the pipes had reached the town and that houses were being connected to the system.

The water system was completed by early 1914. A brief article in the January 1914 issue of "Fire and Water Engineering" magazine stated that a pressure of 100 pounds could be drawn from the system and water could "be thrown over the highest church steeple in the town." Plans for the water system included the addition of fire hydrants in town and provisions in the company's charter allowed for industrial use of the water, though it is not known if any Burkittsville businesses took advantage of this offer.

By 1918, the five year-old water company was becoming insufficient to serve the town's needs. The system had a total daily output of 10,000 gallons which matched exactly the amount used each day by 40% of the town residents whose homes were connected to the system. In the effort of increasing the water supply, the decision was made to dynamite the springs in the hopes of opening up more water pressure. The opposite happened, the dynamite blast splintered the veins of water and the springs went dry.

Today, the water company that went bust 97 years ago provides an interesting anecdote to the town's history. Much of the infrastructure installed in 1913 remains under Main Street, uncovered every couple of decades during major road projects. When the town square was repaved with cobblestones in 2000, a segment of the pipe was unearthed and given to South Mountain Heritage Society. Fifteen years later, as work continues on rebuilding drainage pipes on the east end of town, more of the pipe has been unearthed and a large segment has been obtained by the museum. These artifacts will prove very important to understanding our community's history, its progressiveness, and its survival in the face of difficulty. August, 2015

The Burkittsville Backyard Produce Exchange Cans Beets! Paul and Shelby Beaver hosted a beet pickling and canning demo



Branching out from the Facebook group, folks got together to learn canning and pickling techniques, talk about produce growing, sources and the right way to peel a beet! It was a great way to spend a summer afternoon. This residents' group shares produce with each other as well as recipes, plant cuttings and gardening hints.

www.facebook.com/groups/BurkittsvilleBackyardProduceExchange



Lesla Cook to teach

Silverpoint

Lesla Cook, Burkittsville-based artist, will be teaching a one day silverpoint workshop at The Delaplaine Art Center in Frederick, MD.

Silverpoint is the traditional drawing technique practiced by Leonardo daVinci and others where you use a metal stylus to draw on paper that has been prepared with a special ground. The ground is slightly abrasive and small amounts of silver are deposited on the paper.

The class will be working from a model to do 2 figure drawings. There will be demonstrations and individual instruction.

If you are interested in taking the class, the date is Sunday, November 15th, from 9:30-4:30. You can register at The Delaplaine, www.delaplaine.org or 301-698-0656.

To see more of Lesla's beautiful art in many forms, feel free to explore the rich collection of images on her website ~ www.lesacook.com

"Sleeping Dog" in Silverpoint by Lesla Cook

November is Municipal Government Works Month ~ Nominate a Volunteer of the Year Today!

In conjunction with the Maryland Municipal League's observation of November as Municipal Government Works month (MGW), the Town of Burkittsville again invites you to send in nominations for Volunteer of the Year by Tuesday, October 6th, so that The Mayor and Council can choose this year's recipient in time to present the honor during November's Town Meeting.

Municipal Government Works Month honors municipal workers across Maryland, Burkittsville, as a "small but mighty" municipality, celebrates this a little differently. We do not have a traditional Public Works department or many paid aspects of government work that our larger municipal neighbors enjoy; we rely on volunteers in our own community to share the load. Year after year, our town's citizens have stepped up to not only do their 'regular' work, but to do what needs to be done around our very special neighborhood. To thank them, join in town volunteerism, to honor them, nominate a volunteer today! Send nominations to: TownOffice@Burkittsville-md.gov or Town Office, P.O. Box 485.

Want to learn more about MGW? Visit www.mdmunicipal.org (...right after you send in a nomination to the Town Office ☺ Want to know even more? Find out what the Social Committee is really all about- is it just tea and frilly doilies? Separate the fact from fiction!)

Preparations are well under way for the October 24th, 2015 running of the SMHS Spook Hill Cider & Wine 4 Mile Run.



This year's run, which benefits the South Mountain Heritage Society, promises to be a smashing success! The run starts and finishes at the Ruritan and takes the runners on a nice, fall tour of our fair town, including scenic loops through the

Boordy vineyard and the Distillery Lane Ciderworks' orchard.



We had 201 participants at last year's event and expect 300 or so this year. This is an event for runners of all abilities, with fun stressed over performance so strap on those running shoes and come out and join in the fun. We would love to see more of our townsfolk running this event!

Speaking of fun, the DLC tasting room will be open early race morning, with a special discount offer for race participants! If you're not up to running, we can always use volunteers on race morning. In thanks, volunteers are presented with a wine glass bearing the race logo. If you're interested in volunteering email: sillybusa@yahoo.com For more information on the run and registration, go to www.spookhill4mile.org

- Bill Susa, Race Director

Yard Waste pick-up 1st Tues./month

Guidelines

Keep it biodegradable!  Yard waste must fit inside the yard waste bags, branches wider than 3 inches in diameter cannot be processed, bundle yard waste with biodegradable string or twine - no tape, plastic or wire ties, please. As usual, no dirt, rocks, or household trash. Contact Key Sanitation with questions. 

RECYCLING – “Red Tuesdays” unless otherwise marked

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OCTOBER						
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www.shencofair.com Check out the next BBQ Bash!

Charlie will be competing here!

Buddhist From Mecca BBQ



St. Paul Hosts Bingo

October 23, 2015
Basket and Money Bingo
Jefferson Community Center, Lander Road, Jefferson, MD - Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo begins at 7:00 pm.

DLC Ciderworks - Did you know that Distillery Lane Ciderworks has won some impressive awards in the last year? The GLINTCAP (Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition) showcases the country's best Ciders and Perry offerings.

They walked away with an impressive gold award in the Wood Aged Cider and Perry Cider category (not an easy category to win) - what did the trick? A local favorite: Kingston Black Barrel Aged.

That's not all, they also took three bronze awards! They took the bronze in English Cider, New World Cider as well as Specialty Ciders.

You can learn more by subscribing to their newsletter online at news@distillerylaneciderworks.com, visiting their website <http://distillerylaneciderworks.com>, liking them on Facebook or by dropping in during business hours: Sat. 12-5, Sun. 12-5

WOW!

The "Green Little Red Barn" has gotten past stage one, thanks to the great work of Blue Ridge Floors & Home Services, Inc.



Wait 'til you see what's next! Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project- on to phase two!

TRICK OR TREAT! Get out your Spooky Costumes & Put on a Scary Face...



The Burkittsville Ruritan Club, Burkittsville Ruritan Ladies Auxiliary, and the Town of Burkittsville, will hold a **Halloween Party** for area youth on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at the Ruritan Community Center, 500 East Main Street, at 7 PM.

Trick-or-treat will take place in the Town of Burkittsville that evening from 5-7 PM, followed with a party for children (ages 1-12). There will be free refreshments, costume judging, and entertainment by a magician.

PLEASE SEND TO: TOWN OFFICE PO Box 485, BURKITTVILLE, MD 21718 OR TOWNOFFICE@BURKITTVILLE-MD.GOV

I volunteer for the Social Committee!

Name(s): _____

How to reach me:

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Mailing Address: _____

I'm interested in: (these are things we've done before or suggestions we've gotten, add your own!)

Showing up. Point me at a task! Join Now, Pick Later

Park/Playground Cleanup Town Picnic Event Calendar

4th of July Parade Games Night Organizing Folks

Street/Alley pick-up Beautification Caroling/Music

Scheduling/Coordinating with Town Gov't & other groups

Phone/Email-Tree +My Ideas:

I Nominate

(and _____)

as

Burkittsville, Maryland's
Volunteer of The Year
2015

My name: _____



TOWN INFORMATION

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Clerk/Treasurer: Tammy Drake townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov

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 Charlie Isemann, John 'Jad' Drake, Mark Carroll

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Newsletter Deadlines- Contributions are due: March 15th / Spring,
 June 15th / Summer, Sept. 15th / Fall, Dec. 27th / Winter. Send items to
burkittsvillenewsletter@gmail.com or mail articles to the Town Office.

WHO TO CALL

Non-Emergency Sheriff Line: 301-600-2071
 (Use this number to report speeding, vandalism or other crimes)

Animal Control: 301-600-1526 (911 after hours)
Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
Abuse Help & Information: 1-800-422-4453
National Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Recycling Questions: 301-694-6498
Trash Collection: 301-668-8282 (Key Sanitation)

To have a town issue put on record: write a detailed email to townoffice@burkittsville-md.gov (please mention the topic in the subject line) or write a detailed letter to Town of Burkittsville, PO Box 485, Burkittsville, MD 21718

To report a non-life-threatening natural event/disaster, take shelter then call: 301-600-1603

For traffic alerts and delays: 511

As always, in an emergency, dial 911